# D-wave effects in heavy quarkonium production in ultraperipheral nuclear collisions

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The D-wave admixture in quarkonium wave functions is acquired from the photonlike structure of  $V \to Q\bar{Q}$  transition in the light-front frame widely used in the literature. Such a D-wave ballast is not justified by any nonrelativistic model for  $Q - \bar{Q}$  interaction potential and leads to falsified predictions for the cross sections in heavy quarkonium production in ultraperipheral nuclear collisions. We analyze this negative role of D-wave contribution by comparing with our previous studies based on a simple non-photon-like "S-wave-only"  $V \to Q\bar{Q}$  transition in the  $Q\bar{Q}$  rest frame.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Recent investigations of heavy quarkonium V = V $J/\psi(1S), \psi'(2S), \psi''(3S), ..., \Upsilon(1S), \Upsilon'(2S), \Upsilon''(3S), ...]$ production in ultraperipheral collisions (UPC) at the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) and the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) is very effective for theoretical study of various nuclear effects occurring in diffractive photoproduction off nuclei. Although our investigation of the corresponding photoproduction mechanism on the proton target within the light-front (LF) color dipole formalism has a long-standing tradition [1–8] there are still open questions associated mainly with the structure of the  $V \to Q\bar{Q}$  transition. The most phenomenological studies of diffractive electroproduction of heavy quarkonia are based on an unjustified assumption of a similar structure for  $\gamma^* \to Q\bar{Q}$  and  $V \to Q\bar{Q}$  vertices. This leads to an extra D-wave admixture in the photonlike  $V \to Q\bar{Q}$  vertex in the  $Q\bar{Q}$  rest frame. However, any realistic nonrelativistic  $Q\bar{Q}$ potential model cannot prove the relative weight of such a spurious D-wave component contribution. For this reason, in the present paper, we analyze its magnitude using, besides the standard photonlike structure in the LF frame, also our previous studies [9] based on the "S-wave-only"  $V \to Q\bar{Q}$  transition.

In Ref. [8] we have studied the relative contribution of the *D*-wave component in diffractive electroproduction of

Published by the American Physical Society under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International license. Further distribution of this work must maintain attribution to the author(s) and the published article's title, journal citation, and DOI. Funded by SCOAP<sup>3</sup>. heavy quarkonia off proton targets. Here we compared both structures of  $V \to Q\bar{Q}$  transitions, the standard photonlike structure in the LF frame with a simple S-wave-only structure in the  $Q\bar{Q}$  rest frame [6,7]. We have found that for 1S charmonium photoproduction the relative undesirable impact of the D-wave component on the magnitude of production cross section is not large and represents about 5%–10% depending on the photon energy. Not so for radially excited charmonia where the nodal structure of their wave functions leads to a boosting of the negative role of D-wave admixture in estimations of production cross sections causing their 20%–30% enhancement.

In the present paper, we extend such a study for heavy quarkonium production in UPC analyzing thus for the first time the relative contribution of undesirable admixture of D-wave component to nuclear cross sections as a function of rapidity and collision energy  $\sqrt{s_N}$ . Treating the UPC, besides D-wave effects, the onset of another nuclear phenomena can affect the quarkonium production rate as was analyzed in Ref. [9] within the LF QCD dipole formalism. They concern the higher twist effect related to the lowest  $Q\bar{Q}$  Fock component of the photon, as well as the leading twist effect associated with higher photon components containing gluons.

The former effect represents the quark shadowing controlled by the distance called the *coherence length* (CL) [1,10], which can be expressed in the rest frame of the nucleus as

$$l_c = \frac{2q}{m_V^2} = \frac{s - m_N^2}{m_N m_V^2},\tag{1.1}$$

where q is the photon energy and  $m_N$  and  $m_V$  are the nucleon and quarkonium mass, respectively. Following

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results from our recent paper [9], this phenomenon has been incorporated via the finite- $l_c$  correction factors calculated within the rigorous Green function formalism, which naturally includes the CL effects.

The latter effect is known as the *gluon shadowing* (GS) and is treated in terms of the LF QCD dipole approach. The corresponding CL of multigluon Fock state is shorter [11] compared to the lowest  $Q\bar{Q}$  photon fluctuations and so the higher photon energy is required for manifestation of the corresponding shadowing correction. Similarly as for quarks, in the present paper, we calculate the GS correction adopting the Green function formalism [12] with improvements from Ref. [13].

Besides the above shadowing corrections, the nuclear suppression is affected also by the final state absorption of produced quarkonia [1,2,4,10,14–20]. It is related to the phenomenon known as the *color transparency*, where the photon fluctuations with a smaller transverse size associated with a larger quark mass are less absorbed during propagation through the medium. The corresponding evolution of the small-sized  $Q\bar{Q}$  photon component to the normal-sized quarkonia is controlled by the length scale known as the *formation length*. In the rest frame of the nucleus it has the following form [1,10]:

$$l_f = \frac{2q}{m_{V'}^2 - m_V^2},\tag{1.2}$$

where  $m_{V'}$  is the quarkonium mass in the 2S state.

In our analysis of a negative role of the D-wave component in quarkonium wave functions, we treat only the production of S-wave quarkonia since their wave functions can be simply factorized into radial and spin-dependent parts. The former part can be acquired properly in the  $Q\bar{Q}$  rest frame as a solution of the Schrödinger equation for various realistic  $Q-\bar{Q}$  interaction potentials proposed in the literature. As an example, in the present paper we adopt the Buchmüller-Tye (BT) [21] and the power-like (POW) [22,23] potential. The choice of other potentials has practically no impact on the magnitude of analyzed D-wave effects. The same argument concerns our preference to adopt the Kopeliovich-Schafer-Tarasov (KST) [12] and Golec-Biernat-Wusthoff (GBW) [24,25] models for the dipole cross section.

The photonlike structure of the quarkonium vertex is treated directly in the LF frame, what requires only the Lorentz boost of radial components of quarkonium wave functions from the  $Q\bar{Q}$  rest frame. Here we adopt a widely used procedure known as the Terentev prescription [26]. However, a simple S-wave-only  $V \to Q\bar{Q}$  structure in the  $Q\bar{Q}$  rest frame requires to perform additionally the corresponding boost also for the spin-dependent components known as the *Melosh spin rotation* [6–8,18,27].

The paper is organized as follows. In the next section we present basic expressions for calculation of nuclear cross sections, separately for coherent (elastic), as well as incoherent (quasielastic) heavy quarkonium production in UPC. Section III is devoted to the analysis of the undesirable D-wave admixture, related to the photonlike structure of  $V \to Q\bar{Q}$  transition, together with estimations of the corresponding impact on magnitudes of nuclear cross sections. Finally, Sec. IV contains a summary with the main concluding remarks on how the negative role of the D-wave component can be identified by the future measurements.

## II. BASIC FORMULAS IN THE COLOR-DIPOLE FORMALISM

Within the one-photon-exchange approximation in the rest frame of the target nucleus A, the cross section for the photoproduction of a vector meson V by the Weizsäcker-Williams photons reads

$$q\frac{d\sigma}{dq} = \int d^2\tau \int d^2b n(q, \vec{b} - \vec{\tau}) \frac{d^2\sigma_A(s, b)}{d^2b}, \qquad (2.1)$$

where  $\vec{\tau}$  is the relative impact parameter of a nuclear collision,  $\vec{b}$  is the impact parameter of the photon-nucleon collision relative to the center of one of the nuclei and the variable  $n(q, \vec{b})$  represents the photon flux induced by the projectile nucleus,

$$n(q, \vec{b}) = \frac{\alpha_{em} Z^2 q^2}{\pi^2 \gamma^2} K_1^2 \left(\frac{bq}{\gamma}\right), \tag{2.2}$$

where Z is the ion charge,  $\alpha_{em} = 1/137$  is the fine-structure constant,  $K_1$  is the modified Bessel function and the Lorentz factor  $\gamma = s_N/2m_N^2$ .

### A. Coherent production (coh)

In the LF dipole approach (see Refs. [1,5–7,18,28], for example), assuming large photon energies when  $l_c \gg R_A$ , where  $R_A$  is the nuclear radius, the corresponding coherent cross section for the process  $\gamma A \to VA$  (the nucleus remains intact) takes a simple asymptotic form,

$$\frac{d^{2}\sigma_{A}^{\text{coh}}(s,b)}{d^{2}b}\Big|_{l_{c}\gg R_{A}}$$

$$=\left|\int d^{2}r \int_{0}^{1} d\alpha \Psi_{V}^{*}(\vec{r},\alpha) \Sigma_{A}^{\text{coh}}(r,s,b) \Psi_{\gamma}(\vec{r},\alpha)\right|^{2},$$

$$\Sigma_{A}^{\text{coh}}(r,s,b) = 1 - \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\sigma_{Q\bar{Q}}(r,s) T_{A}(b)\right].$$
(2.3)

Here  $\Psi_V(r,\alpha)$  is the LF wave function for heavy quarkonium and  $\Psi_\gamma(r,\alpha)$  is the LF distribution of the  $Q\bar{Q}$  Fock component of the quasireal photon, where the  $Q\bar{Q}$  fluctuation (dipole) has the transverse size  $\vec{r}$  and the variable  $\alpha=p_O^+/p_\gamma^+$  is the boost-invariant fraction of the

photon momentum carried by a heavy quark (or antiquark). The variable  $T_A(b) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \rho_A(b,z)$  represents the nuclear thickness function normalized as  $\int d^2bT_A(b) = A$ , where  $\rho_A(b,z)$  is the nuclear density function of realistic Wood-Saxon form with parameters taken from [29]. The universal dipole-nucleon total cross section  $\sigma_{Q\bar{Q}}(r,s)$ , introduced in Ref. [30], depends on the transverse  $Q - \bar{Q}$  separation r and c.m. energy squared  $s = m_V \sqrt{s_N} \exp[y]$ , respectively

variable  $x = m_V^2/W^2 = m_V \exp{[-y]}/\sqrt{s_N}$ , where y is the rapidity.

### **B.** Incoherent production (inc)

Here the vector meson is produced in a quasielastic process  $\gamma A \rightarrow V A^*$ , where the nucleus is in the excited state. In the high energy limit,  $l_c \gg R_A$ , the corresponding nuclear cross section reads [9]

$$\begin{split} \frac{d^2 \sigma_A^{\text{inc}}(s,b)}{d^2 b}\bigg|_{l_c \gg R_A} &\approx \frac{T_A(b)}{16\pi B(s)} \bigg| \int d^2 r \int_0^1 d\alpha \Psi_V^*(\vec{r},\alpha) \Sigma_A^{\text{inc}}(r,s,b) \Psi_\gamma(\vec{r},\alpha) \bigg|^2 \\ &\Sigma_A^{\text{inc}}(r,s,b) = \sigma_{Q\bar{Q}}(r,s) \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \sigma_{Q\bar{Q}}(r,s) T_A(b) \right], \end{split} \tag{2.4}$$

where B(s) is the slope parameter in reaction  $\gamma N \to VN$ .

#### C. Scenario I

In the conventional standard and frequently used scenario I, corresponding to the photonlike  $V \to Q\bar{Q}$  transition directly in the LF frame without the Melosh transform, the imaginary part of the  $\gamma N \to VN$  amplitude has the following structure [8]:

$$\begin{split} & \operatorname{Im} \mathcal{A}_{1}(s) = N_{1} \int_{0}^{1} d\alpha \int d^{2}r \sigma_{Q\bar{Q}}(r,s) [\Sigma^{(1)}(r,\alpha) + \Sigma^{(2)}(r,\alpha)], \\ & \Sigma^{(1)}(r,\alpha) = m_{Q}^{2} K_{0}(m_{Q}r) \int_{0}^{\infty} dp_{T} p_{T} J_{0}(p_{T}r) \Psi_{V}(\alpha,p_{T}), \\ & \Sigma^{(2)}(r,\alpha) = m_{Q} [\alpha^{2} + (1-\alpha)^{2}] K_{1}(m_{Q}r) \int_{0}^{\infty} dp_{T} p_{T}^{2} J_{1}(p_{T}r) \Psi_{V}(\alpha,p_{T}). \end{split} \tag{2.5}$$

Here  $N_1 = Z_Q \sqrt{2N_c^2 \alpha_{em}}/2\pi$ , the factor  $N_c = 3$  represents the number of colors in QCD,  $Z_Q$  is the electric charge of the heavy quark,  $J_{0,1}$  and  $K_{0,1}$  are the Bessel functions of the first kind and the modified Bessel functions of the second kind, respectively.

#### D. Scenario II

For a simple S-wave-only structure of the  $V \to Q\bar{Q}$  vertex in the  $Q\bar{Q}$  rest frame (scenario II) [6,7,28,31,32], with subsequent Melosh spin transformation to the LF frame, the corresponding photoproduction amplitude reads

$$\begin{split} & \operatorname{Im} \mathcal{A}_{2}(s) = \frac{N_{2}}{2} \int_{0}^{1} d\alpha \int d^{2}r \sigma_{Q\bar{Q}}(r,s) [\Sigma_{M}^{(1)}(r,\alpha) + \Sigma_{M}^{(2)}(r,\alpha)], \\ & \Sigma_{M}^{(1)}(r,\alpha) = K_{0}(m_{Q}r) \int_{0}^{\infty} dp_{T} p_{T} J_{0}(p_{T}r) \Psi_{V}(\alpha,p_{T}) \left[ \frac{2m_{Q}^{2}(m_{L} + m_{T}) + m_{L} p_{T}^{2}}{m_{T}(m_{L} + m_{T})} \right], \\ & \Sigma_{M}^{(2)}(r,\alpha) = K_{1}(m_{Q}r) \int_{0}^{\infty} dp_{T} p_{T}^{2} J_{1}(p_{T}r) \Psi_{V}(\alpha,p_{T}) \left[ \frac{m_{Q}^{2}(m_{L} + 2m_{T}) - m_{T} m_{L}^{2}}{m_{Q} m_{T}(m_{L} + m_{T})} \right], \end{split}$$
 (2.6)

where 
$$N_2=Z_Q\sqrt{2N_c\alpha_{em}}/2\pi$$
,  $m_T=\sqrt{m_Q^2+p_T^2}$  and  $m_L=2m_Q\sqrt{\alpha(1-\alpha)}$ .

Our model calculations include also a small real part [4,33,34] of the  $\gamma N \rightarrow VN$  amplitude performing the following replacement in Eqs. (2.5) and (2.6):

$$\sigma_{Q\bar{Q}}(s,r) \Rightarrow \sigma_{Q\bar{Q}}(s,r) \cdot \left(1 - i\frac{\pi}{2}\frac{\partial \ln \sigma_{Q\bar{Q}}(s,r)}{\partial \ln s}\right).$$
 (2.7)

The expression (2.5) corresponding to scenario I and the expression (2.6) related to scenario II can be straightforwardly generalized to nuclear targets via replacements  $\sigma_{Q\bar{Q}} \Rightarrow \Sigma_A^{\rm coh}$  and  $\sigma_{Q\bar{Q}} \Rightarrow \Sigma_A^{\rm inc}$ , where  $\Sigma_A^{\rm coh}$  and  $\Sigma_A^{\rm inc}$  are determined by Eqs. (2.3) and (2.4).

Expressions (2.3) and (2.4) lead to quark shadowing correction which is a higher twist effect related to the size of the  $Q\bar{Q}$  photon fluctuations and vanishes as  $1/m_c^2$  and  $1/m_b^2$  in photoproduction of charmonia and bottomonia, respectively. Although Eqs. (2.3) and (2.4) allow to calculate nuclear cross sections only at large photon energies corresponding to long CL,  $l_c \gg R_A$ , in our analysis we have also included finite- $l_c$  corrections which have been calculated using a rigorous Green function formalism as presented in Ref. [9].

Another nuclear phenomenon incorporated in our study of the negative role of the D-wave component is associated with leading twist gluon shadowing related to higher Fock components of the photon containing gluons, i.e.,  $|Q\bar{Q}G\rangle$ ,  $|Q\bar{Q}2G\rangle \cdots |Q\bar{Q}nG\rangle$ . Here for calculations of the gluon shadowing factor  $R_G$ , defined as the nucleus-to-nucleon ratio of gluon densities,  $R_G(s, \mu^2, b) =$  $G_A(s,\mu^2,b)/(AG_N(s,\mu^2))$ , we have adopted the path integral technique as well with details as described in Refs. [9,13]. At small dipole sizes  $\vec{r}$  the dipole cross section  $\sigma_{O\bar{O}}(r,s)$  depends on the gluon distribution in the target. Then the nuclear shadowing of the gluon distribution should reduce  $\sigma_{O\bar{O}}(r,s)$  in nuclear reactions with respect to processes on proton targets. Consequently, the GS corrections are included in our calculations via the following substitution in Eqs. (2.3) and (2.4):

$$\sigma_{O\bar{O}}(r,s) \Rightarrow \sigma_{O\bar{O}}(r,s) \cdot R_G(s,\mu^2,b),$$
 (2.8)

where the GS factor  $R_G$  is probed at the factorization scale  $\mu^2 \sim \tau M_V^2$  with  $\tau = B/Y^2$ . Here the scale factor  $B \approx 9{\text -}10$  [35] and factors  $Y \sim 5{\text -}6$  have been estimated in Ref. [6] for various quarkonium states. Finally, we would like to emphasize that both corrections, the quark and gluon shadowing, are proportional to the gluon density in the target and steeply rise with energy.

## III. ANALYSIS OF THE RELATIVE *D*-WAVE CONTRIBUTION

For calculation of the incoherent nuclear cross sections (2.4) we rely on the standard Regge form for the slope parameter,  $B_{J/\psi}(s) = B_0 + 2\alpha'(0) \ln(s/s_0)$ , with the parameters  $\alpha' = 0.171 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ ,  $B_0 = 1.54 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  and  $s_0 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$  fitted in [7]. For 1*S*-bottomonium photoproduction we used values of  $B_{\Upsilon}(s) \approx B_{J/\psi}(s) - 1 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$  [7]. Here we have also found that a very weak node effect in photoproduction of the  $\Upsilon'(2S)$  state causes a similarity  $B_{\Upsilon'}(s) \sim B_{\Upsilon}(s)$ . However, for production of  $\psi'(2S)$  one has to include the difference in diffraction slopes

 $\Delta_B(s) = B_{J/\psi}(s) - B_{\psi'}(s)$  with the parametrization of the factor  $\Delta_B(s)$  from Ref. [7] (see also Ref. [36]).

In our calculations, we consider that the photonuclear reaction can be also induced by the photon from the second nucleus of the colliding nuclei in UPC via replacement in Eq. (2.1)  $y \Rightarrow -y$ . The KST and GBW phenomenological models for the dipole cross section used in our analysis are poorly known at small s corresponding to large values of  $x = m_V^2/s$ . Here we rely on dipole model modification by an additional factor  $(1-x)^7$  [37].

Because of a weak sensitivity of charmonium results to a choice of the model for the dipole cross section  $\sigma_{O\bar{O}}$ , we analyzed a negative role of the D-wave component in quarkonium wave functions adopting two distinct realistic  $Q - \bar{Q}$  interaction potentials, powerlike (POW) and Buchüller-Tye (BT). These potentials generate the quarkonium wave functions in the  $Q\bar{Q}$  rest frame since they are inherent in the corresponding Schrödinger equation. On the other hand, the production of bottomonium states is more sensitive to the choice of the model for  $\sigma_{O\bar{O}}$  as was studied in Ref. [7]. For this reason, the investigation of the corresponding D-wave effects has been realized adopting two distinct models for  $\sigma_{O\bar{O}}$ —KST and GBW. In both cases the study of undesirable D-wave contributions to magnitudes of nuclear cross sections has been performed including nuclear phenomena, such as the gluon shadowing and the finite- $l_c$  corrections described in detail in Ref. [9].

Figure 1 shows our predictions for the rapidity distributions of coherent (left panels) and incoherent (right panels) charmonium photoproduction in UPC vs the LHC data from the CMS [38] and ALICE [39-41] collaborations at c.m. collision energy  $\sqrt{s_N} = 2.76 \text{ TeV}$ , as well as the LHCb [42] and ALICE [43] data at  $\sqrt{s_N} = 5.02$  TeV. The corresponding calculations have been performed at  $\sqrt{s_N} = 200 \text{ GeV}$  (top panels),  $\sqrt{s_N} =$ 2.76 TeV (middle panels) and  $\sqrt{s_N} = 5.02$  TeV (bottom panels) adopting the GBW model for the dipole cross section. Here charmonium wave functions are generated by the POW (thin lines) and BT (thick lines) potential. Scenarios I and II, corresponding to the photonlike quarkonium vertex with D-wave admixture and S-wave-only  $V \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$  transition, are depicted by dashed and solid lines, respectively.

One can see from Fig. 1 that the inherence of *D*-wave component in charmonium wave functions manifested itself as a difference between dashed and solid lines, is maximal at midrapidity (y=0) and causes the 7%–10% undesirable enhancement of  $d\sigma/dy$  depending on the collision energy  $\sqrt{s_N}$ . Such a result is not affected by the shape of quarkonium wave functions generated by the BT and POW  $c-\bar{c}$  interaction potentials used in our analysis.

Here we would like to emphasize that a weak onset of *D*-wave effects demonstrated in Fig. 1 is in accordance with

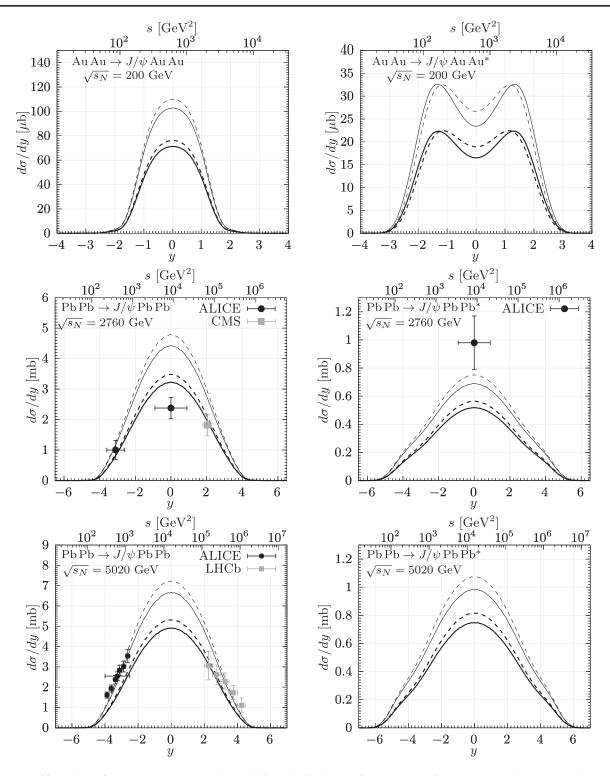


FIG. 1. Manifestation of *D*-wave component in rapidity distributions of coherent (left panels) and incoherent (right panels) charmonium photoproduction in UPC at RHIC collision energy  $\sqrt{s_N} = 200$  GeV (top panels) and at LHC energies  $\sqrt{s_N} = 2.76$  TeV (middle panels) and  $\sqrt{s_N} = 5.02$  TeV (bottom panels). The nuclear cross sections are calculated with charmonium wave functions generated by the POW (thin lines) and BT (thick lines) potential and with the GBW model for the dipole cross section. The dashed and solid lines correspond to photonlike  $J/\psi \rightarrow c\bar{c}$  transition in the LF frame and to a simple "S-wave only" charmonium vertex in the  $c\bar{c}$  rest frame, respectively. Model predictions are compared with data from CMS [38], ALICE [39–41,43] and LHCb [42] collaborations.

our previous studies [8], as well as with a conclusion in Ref. [44] about the lack of a significant contribution of D-wave component in 1S charmonium electroproduction. However, such a contribution has not been quantified by means of a direct comparison of model predictions for charmonium electroproduction cross sections including and neglecting D-wave admixture. Moreover, the boosted Gaussian wave functions used in the analysis of relativistic corrections are not very suitable for description of charmonium states, especially radially excited states. They lead to antishadowing effects in the nucleus-to-nucleon ratios of photoproduction cross sections as was pointed out a long time ago in Refs. [1,14] for incoherent production of  $\psi'(2S)$ . However, such an enhanced nuclear production of  $\psi'(2S)$  with respect to a proton target is in contradiction with later studies (see Ref. [28], for example) based on realistic potential models for the  $Q - \bar{Q}$  interaction. The reason is that in comparison with these models, the boosted Gaussian wave function for the  $\psi'(2S)$  state has a node with a position shifted to a smaller value of the dipole size as was

analyzed in Ref. [7]. Consequently, this enhances in the process  $\gamma p \to \psi' p$  the compensation from regions below and above the node position, i.e., the node effect becomes stronger. The future experimental investigation of photoproduction of radially excited charmonium states on proton and nuclear targets will be very effective for ruling out various phenomenological models for quarkonium wave functions.

Figure 1 also demonstrates that a rather weak onset of D-wave effects can be hardly identified by future measurements of  $J/\psi(1S)$  production in UPC. However, there is a chance for recognition of such effects in  $\psi'(2S)$  production. Here the negative role of D-wave admixture is boosted due to a nodal structure of charmonium wave functions for excited states as is presented in Fig. 2 for the 2S state. One can see that undesirable enhancement of  $d\sigma/dy$  is now much larger than for the 1S state and represents  $\sim 30\%-35\%$  in the LHC energy range. We have found that this ballast modification of  $d\sigma/dy$  is still higher for the  $\psi''(3S)$  state, due to two-node structure of the corresponding wave function, and reaches almost 50%.

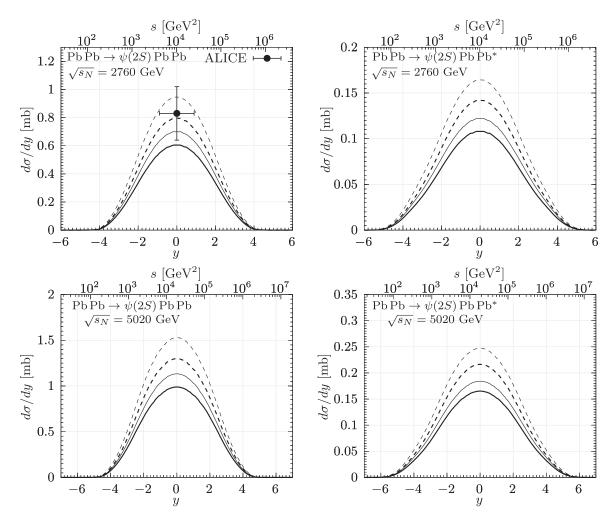


FIG. 2. The same as Fig. 1 but for the  $\psi'(2S)$  production in UPC at the LHC collision energy  $\sqrt{s_N} = 2.76$  TeV (top panels) and  $\sqrt{s_N} = 5.02$  TeV (bottom panels). The experimental value at y = 0 has been obtained by the ALICE [41] collaboration.

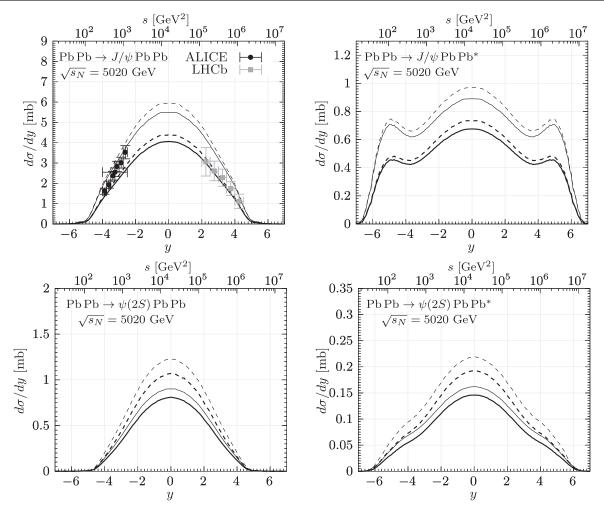


FIG. 3. The same as Figs. 1 and 2 but for the  $J/\psi(1S)$  (top panels) and  $\psi'(2S)$  (bottom panels) production in UPC at the LHC collision energy  $\sqrt{s_N} = 5.02$  TeV. The predictions for  $d\sigma/dy$  are based on the IPsat model [45] for the dipole cross section.

Consequently, such a spurious D-wave manifestation is much stronger than other theoretical uncertainties related to different phenomenological models for  $\sigma_{Q\bar{Q}}$ , as well as to different shapes of charmonium wave functions generated by various realistic  $c-\bar{c}$  interaction potentials. More precise future measurements can help to identify and subsequently to eliminate such D-wave component and thus can be effective for the study of the quarkonium vertex structure.

In order to demonstrate that the relative *D*-wave contribution is practically independent of the model for the dipole cross section, we show in Fig. 3 our predictions for  $d\sigma/dy$  using a more recent IPsat dipole model [45]. Here a relative enhancement of  $d\sigma/dy$  due to *D*-wave effects represents ~8%–9% for coherent (left panel) and incoherent (right panel) production of 1*S* charmonia (top panels) in UPC at the LHC collision energy  $\sqrt{s_N} = 5.02$  TeV. However, it reaches a much higher value ~35% for production of the 2*S* charmonium state (bottom panels). Such modifications of  $d\sigma/dy$  correspond to the

above results using the GBW dipole parametrization (see Figs. 1 and 2).

The effective and alternative way for the identification of undesirable D-wave effects, related to the photonlike structure of the quarkonium vertex, is based on the study of the  $\psi'(2S)$ -to- $J/\psi(1S)$  ratio of nuclear cross sections. This allows to eliminate to a certain extent theoretical uncertainties inherent in calculations of rapidity distributions  $d\sigma/dy$  of coherent as well as incoherent charmonium photoproduction within the LF color dipole formalism. Since new ALICE data on coherent production of  $J/\psi(1S)$ and  $\psi'(2S)$  at midrapidities will appear soon, in Table I we present our predictions for nuclear cross sections and for the corresponding  $\psi'(2S)$ -to- $J/\psi(1S)$  ratio  $R_{\psi'/J/\psi}(y) = \frac{d\sigma_A^{\mathrm{coh}}(\psi')/dy}{d\sigma_A^{\mathrm{coh}}(J/\psi)/dy}$ at y = 0. Here we adopt the GBW and IPsat dipole models, as well as quarkonium wave functions determined by the BT and POW potential. One can see that scenario I gives the ratio  $R_{\psi'/J/\psi}(y=0) \sim 0.207-0.245$ , which differs from values

TABLE I. Values of nuclear cross sections at midrapidity for coherent production of  $J/\psi(1S)$  and  $\psi'(2S)$  in UPC at the LHC collision energy  $\sqrt{s_N} = 5.02$  TeV and the corresponding  $\psi'(2S)$ -to- $J/\psi(1S)$  ratios. Model predictions have been performed for the GBW and IPsat phenomenological models for the dipole cross section and for the quarkonium wave functions generated by the BT and POW potentials.

Pb Pb → V Pb Pb	Dipole cross section	Potential	Scenario I	Scenario II
$V = J/\psi(1S)$ $V = \psi'(2S)$	GBW GBW	POW POW	7.221 mb 1.530 mb	6.660 mb 1.134 mb
$\psi'(2S)/J/\psi(1S)$	GBW	POW	0.212	0.170
$V = J/\psi(1S)$ $V = \psi'(2S)$	GBW GBW	BT BT	5.316 mb 1.300 mb	4.910 mb 0.989 mb
$\psi'(2S)/J/\psi(1S)$	GBW	BT	0.245	0.201
$V = J/\psi(1S)$ $V = \psi'(2S)$	IPsat IPsat	POW POW	5.950 mb 1.230 mb	5.490 mb 0.901 mb
$\psi'(2S)/J/\psi(1S)$	IPsat	POW	0.207	0.164
$V = J/\psi(1S)$ $V = \psi'(2S)$	IPsat IPsat	BT BT	4.400 mb 1.070 mb	4.062 mb 0.810 mb
$\psi'(2S)/J/\psi(1S)$	IPsat	BT	0.243	0.199

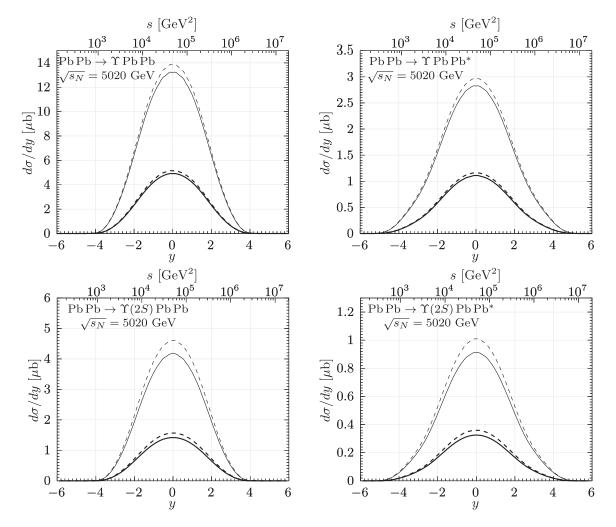


FIG. 4. The same as Fig. 1 but for the  $\Upsilon(1S)$  (top panels) and  $\Upsilon'(2S)$  (bottom panels) production in UPC at the LHC collision energy  $\sqrt{s_N} = 5.02$  TeV. Here the bottomonium wave functions are generated by the BT potential. The thin and thick lines correspond to calculations using the GBW and KST models for the dipole cross section, respectively.

~0.164–0.201 corresponding to scenario II. Consequently, such a difference should be sufficient for a recognition between both scenarios based on a comparison with the forthcoming more precise ALICE data.

Figure 4 clearly shows a weak negative role of D-wave component in 1S (top panels) and 2S (bottom panels) bottomonium production in UPC at  $\sqrt{s_N} = 5.02$  TeV. It causes only ~5% modification of  $d\sigma/dy$  for  $\Upsilon(1S)$ production (see differences between dashed and solid lines in top panels). Similarly as for the  $\psi'(2S)$  state, the nodal structure of the wave function leads to a stronger onset of D-wave effects in  $\Upsilon'(2S)$  production in UPC compared to the  $\Upsilon(1S)$  state. This is demonstrated in the bottom panels of Fig. 4 where the photonlike structure of  $\Upsilon'(2S) \to bb$ transition causes ~10%–12% enhancement of  $d\sigma/dy$  with respect to the S-wave-only scenario II. We have also estimated that for production of the  $\Upsilon''(3S)$  state this enhancement is still stronger, reaching ~15%. However, such undesirable modifications are still smaller than other theoretical uncertainties originated from different models for  $\sigma_{O\bar{O}}$  (see thin and thick lines in Fig. 4). For this reason, the production of bottomonia in UPC is not effective for the study of the structure of quarkonium  $V \to Q\bar{Q}$  transition.

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we have analyzed how the *D*-wave admixture in quarkonium wave functions, related to the photonlike structure of  $V \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}$  transition, can falsify the model predictions for distributions  $d\sigma/dy$  in production of various heavy quarkonia in heavy-ion UPC. Our calculations are based on the standard formulas for nuclear cross sections within the LF color dipole approach. The model results include also nuclear phenomena related to higher twist quark shadowing, as well as the leading twist gluon shadowing.

The onset of the *D*-wave component was quantified by comparing two scenarios. Scenario I corresponds to the photonlike structure of the  $V \to Q\bar{Q}$  transition. Such a structure is imposed in the LF frame and is treated in most

of the recent papers. It leads to the D-wave component presented in various model predictions with its corresponding role, which is not justified by any nonrelativistic  $Q - \bar{Q}$  interaction potential. Scenario II is based on a simple S-wave-only structure of quarkonium wave functions in the  $O\bar{Q}$  rest frame.

We have found that all calculations based on scenario I enhance the magnitude of  $d\sigma/dy$  compared to scenario II, especially at y=0. Our calculations confirm that the onset of *D*-wave effects is rather weak in production of  $J/\psi(1S)$ ,  $\Upsilon(1S)$  and  $\Upsilon'(2S)$  states where the corresponding undesirable modification of nuclear cross section does not exceed  $\sim 10\%-12\%$  and is smaller than other theoretical uncertainties related mainly to the shape of quarkonium wave functions, as well as to models for the dipole cross section.

However, there is a chance to identify and eventually to eliminate a negative role of D-wave effects in theoretical predictions and so to abandon the unjustified assumption about the photonlike structure of quarkonium vertex. According to this, we propose to investigate the production of higher charmonium states in UPC, such as  $\psi'(2S)$ ,  $\psi''(3S)$ , etc. In this case, a spurious enhancement of nuclear cross sections at midrapidities due to scenario I exceeds at least 35% compared to S-wave-only scenario II and is larger than other theoretical uncertainties. Besides, such uncertainties can be reduced by studying production of the  $\psi'(2S)$ -to- $J/\psi(1S)$  ratio. This gives a possibility that more precise photoproduction data at y = 0 from the future measurements at the LHC, as well as at planned electron-ion colliders can shed more light on the structure of  $V \to O\bar{O}$  transition.

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